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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

In connection with the CIA briefing at the NSC Meeting on Tuesday, 5 December, the Director wishes to include the following points:

a. He said he had read an article in a Saturday morning newspaper about a discussion between Khrushchev and the Norwegians. He asked for an evaluation of the effect of this on Sweden as a neutral and the effect on Norway and Denmark in addition to Finland.

b. Has there been any concentration of German strength that the Soviets might use in their discussions with the Finns? The Director said that in a recent conversation with Stewart Alsop, the latter had commented that during his visit to Europe he had been impressed by the state of readiness of the German NATO forces -- as compared with the rather lackadaisical attitude of some of the other NATO forces.

c. Dominican Republic. Mr. McCone said he did not wish to brief on this subject but, rather, be prepared to answer any questions on the situation as of the date of the meeting. He also stated that he should be prepared to answer questions on any other crisis areas.

d. The Director also wants to be prepared on the "missile numbers game." He spoke at some length to Pete Scoville about this and Dr. Scoville undertook to pass it along to DD/L. During the Director's conversation with Dr. Scoville, the latter mentioned that we are on the alert for a space shot and as of the moment we did not believe it would come off for four or five days. The Director commented that he desired to provide the NSC the latest information on this subject at the briefing.

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